

## Summary of Financial Aid Legislation Impacting Higher Education

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Sponsor	Official Description	
Party	Additional Comments	
	Actions	
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### 1 /21/2009

* HB 332	Grants & Scholarships	
Cunningham	<i>Allows members of the reserves of any branch of the United States armed forces to be eligible for a National Guard educational assistance grant.</i>	
R	Any member of the Missouri national guard, the United States Army Reserve, United States Air Force Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, United States Marine Reserve, United States Coast Guard Reserve, or the United States Public Health Service Reserve, who is a full or part-time student maintaining a 2.5 gpa may be awarded an educational assistance grant to attend an approved public institution or private institution. Funding will be requested annually in the budget of the Missouri National Guard and will be administered by the office of the adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard.	
	Introduced and first read in the house on 1/21/09. Second read in the House on 1/22/09.	

### 1 /13/2009

HB 247	Grants & Scholarships	Nursing Student Loan Program
Loehner	<i>Modifies the definition of "eligible student" under the Nursing Student Loan Program.</i>	
R	The definition be changed to include a student who is working toward a doctorate in nursing, or a doctorate in education, or taking courses leading to the completion of educational requirements for a licensed practical nurse. The doctoral applicant may also be a part-time student.	
	Introduced and first read in House on 1/13/09. Second read in House on 1/13/09.	

### 1 /6 /2009

SB 152	Grants & Scholarships	Nursing Student Loan Program
Clemens	<i>Modifies definition of eligible student for nursing student loan program.</i>	
R	The revised definition would include doctoral students and would allow full- or part-time doctoral students to be eligible for the loan program.	
	Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009.	

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12/16/2008

HB 117  
Storch  
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#### Grants & Scholarships

#### Twenty-first Century Scholars Program

*Establishes the "Twenty-first Century Scholars Program."*

The program would be administered by the MDHE. A student will be eligible for the program if he or she: is a Missouri resident; is enrolled in the eighth grade in a public or private school; is eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program; signs an agreement, along with his or her parents or guardian, to finish high school, to apply for college admission and financial aid, and to not drive while intoxicated, use drugs, run away, or become truant or delinquent; and has at least a 2.0 grade point average upon graduation from high school.

The programs would provide scholarships the amount of which would vary based on the student's choice of the college and the availability of other financial assistance. Scholarships may be granted for up to eight semesters, and participating colleges must develop specific mentoring programs for scholarship recipients to assist them with academic and social counseling.

Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.

12/1 /2008

HB 46  
Davis  
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#### Grants & Scholarships

*Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.*

This bill includes a provision that would make it a crime to knowingly coerce a woman to seek or obtain an abortion by revoking, attempting to revoke, or threatening to revoke a scholarship awarded to the woman by a public or private institution of higher education.

Pre-filed. First Read in the House on 01/07/2009. Second Read in the House on 1/08/09.

\* SB 40  
Rupp  
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#### Grants & Scholarships

#### Bright Flight

*Modifies provisions of the Bright Flight Scholarship Program.*

This bill would extend the period that students who enter the military can defer Bright Flight awards. It would also clarify that GED recipients and homeschool students can receive Bright Flight awards and the certain procedural issues surrounding the determination of the SAT/ACT cut-score. Finally, it would also clarify the award amounts for students in the top 3% of ACT/SAT testtakers starting in FY 11.

Pre-filed. First Read in the Senate on 1/7/2009. Second read in the Senate on 1/22/09. Referred S Education Committee on 1/22/09.